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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1, 5-7 and 45-56.

1. (Canceled)
2. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, further comprising a second identifier on the exposed portion, the second identifier corresponding to at least a ~~second~~ third specified physical property of the fastener.
3. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 2, wherein the second identifier is a color.
4. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 2, wherein the second identifier is a letter.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled).
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently amended) A method of identifying the physical properties of an inserted fastener ~~physical properties during building inspection~~, comprising:
selecting a plurality of colors to apply to ~~an exposed surface~~ a portion of a fastener that is exposed then the fastener is inserted into an object, where each color connotes ~~one or more a~~ different combination of at least two physical properties of the fastener;
applying one of said plurality of colors to the exposed surface of the fastener, so that the color may be recognized by a person of normal vision from a distance of at least 10 feet;
inserting the fastener into an object; and
providing a ~~building inspector with~~ color key with the selected plurality of colors indicating the specific combination of at least two physical properties that each selected color connotes.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)
12. (Canceled)
13. (Withdrawn) A method of making a fastener with physical properties which are identifiable from a distance, comprising:
pre-selecting a plurality of colors where each color corresponds to at least one specified physical property of a fastener;

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providing a fastener having a known physical property; and

applying a specified color of the plurality to the fastener so that the color may be determined from a distance, the specified color having been pre-selected to define the known physical property of the fastener.

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41. (Canceled)

42. (Canceled)

43. (Canceled)

44. (Withdrawn) A fastener comprising:

a shaft having a first end and second end;

an exposed portion attached to the first end of the shaft; and

an identifying color on the exposed portion, the identifying color pre-selected to correspond to at least one specified physical property of the fastener, the identifying color capable of being recognized by a person of normal vision from a distance of at least 10 feet when the shaft has been inserted into a surface.

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56. (Canceled).

57. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a nail.

58. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a bolt.

59. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a staple.

60. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a rivet.

61. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a screw.

62. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a wedge anchor

bolt.

63. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is an anchor bolt.

64. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a bolt and nut.

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65. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a lag bolt.
66. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a nail.
67. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a bolt.
68. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a staple.
69. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a rivet.
70. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a screw.
71. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a wedge anchor bolt.
72. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is an anchor bolt.
73. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a bolt and nut.
74. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a lag bolt.
75. (Withdrawn) A fastener comprising:
a shaft having a first end and second end;
an exposed portion attached to the first end of the shaft; and
an identifying color on the exposed portion, the identifying color pre-selected to correspond to at least two specified physical properties of the fastener, the identifying color capable of being recognized by a person of normal vision from a distance of at least 18 feet when the shaft has been inserted into a surface.
76. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a nail.
77. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a bolt.
78. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a staple.
79. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a rivet.
80. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a screw.
81. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a wedge anchor bolt.
82. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is an anchor bolt.
83. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a bolt and nut.
84. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a lag bolt.
85. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener has an indicia indicating a third physical property of the fastener.
86. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 85, wherein the indicia is a symbol.

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87. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 85, wherein the indicia is a letter.
88. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 85, wherein the indicia is a number.
89. (Withdrawn) A fastener comprising:

a shaft having a first end and second end;

an exposed portion attached to the first end of the shaft; and

an identifying color on the exposed portion, the identifying color pre-selected to correspond to at least two specified physical properties of the fastener, the identifying color capable of being recognized by a person of normal vision from a distance of at least 10 feet when the shaft has been inserted into a surface.

90. (New) The method of Claim 9, wherein the fastener is a nail.
91. (New) The method of Claim 9, wherein the fastener is a bolt.
92. (New) The method of Claim 9, wherein the fastener is a staple.
93. (New) The method of Claim 9, wherein the fastener is a rivet.
94. (New) The method of Claim 9, wherein the fastener is a screw.
95. (New) The method of Claim 9, wherein the fastener is a wedge anchor bolt.
96. (New) The method of Claim 9, further comprising a symbol on the exposed

surface, the symbol being pre-selected to correspond to at least one a third different specified physical property of the fastener.

97. (New) The method of Claim 9, further comprising a letter on the exposed surface, the letter being pre-selected to correspond to at least one a third different specified physical property of the fastener.

98. (New) The method of Claim 9, further comprising a number on the exposed surface, the number being pre-selected to correspond to at least one a third different specified physical property of the fastener.